Mr. Arndt as a matter of administrative convenience. Application for further extension was received from Mr. Cotton only on 10th November. There was an interval of only six weeks from then before the Christmas and as a Judge was returning from leave then, the existing arrangement was continued, to save expense and administrative inconvenience."

*Sub-Magistrate, Omalur, Salem district.*

* 370 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: With reference to question No. 7 answered at the meeting dated 3rd February 1925, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any correspondence between Mr. Somalli Pannady (member of the depressed classes), Honorary Magistrate, and the District Collector, Salem, regarding the ill-treatment meted out by the then Brahman Sub-Magistrate of Omalur taluk, Salem district; and

(*b*) whether the Government will lay on the table of the Council a copy of the complaint submitted by the Honorary Magistrate, Mr. Somalli Pannady, to the District Collector, Salem, and the reply given to Mr. Somalli Pannady and the Sub-Magistrate, Omalur, in the matter by the District Collector, Salem?

*A.*—The Government do not think any useful purpose will be served by laying the correspondence on the table.

## Irrigation.

*Nulagunda tank, Harpanahalli taluk.*

* 371 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the supply channel to Nulagunda tank in Harpanahalli taluk, Bellary district, breached;

(*b*) the amount annually remitted since then on the ayacut under the tank;

(*c*) the probable cost of the necessary repairs to the supply channel; and

(*d*) whether any provision has been made yet for the repairs to the channel, and if not, when it will be made?

*A.*—The Government are not in possession of the information, but have called for it.

*Relief measures in the flood-affected districts.*

* 372 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of lives lost, houses destroyed, persons left homeless, value of cattle destroyed, and the value of crops destroyed during the recent heavy floods in each flooded district;

(*b*) all the districts affected recently by heavy floods;

(*c*) the amount granted by the Government to each flooded district;

(*d*) all the relief measures taken by the Government;

[5th March 1925

(e) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 5,000 only was sanctioned by the Government to relieve the distress among the public in the Coimbatore district during the recent heavy floods;

(f) whether the Government propose to increase the amount; and

(g) which parts of Coimbatore district and other districts are affected seriously?

*A.*—(a), (b) & (g) A [a] statement containing the information is laid on the table.

(c) & (e) The amount sanctioned for the immediate relief of distress in the several districts was—

| | RS. |
|---|---|
| Malabar ... ... ... ... ... | 20,000 |
| Coimbatore ... ... ... ... ... | 5,000 |
| Trichinopoly ... ... ... ... ... | 5,000 |
| Tanjore ... ... ... ... ... | 5,000 |
| The Nilgiris ... ... ... ... ... | 250 |

(d) In addition to the amounts granted for the immediate relief of distress, free grants of building materials were made wherever practicable to the poor for reconstruction of their houses. A grant of Rs. 1,25,000 was obtained from the Indian Peoples' Famine Trust and placed at the disposal of the Central Flood Relief Committee for distri ution in the flood-affected areas. Loans at the concession rate of 4 per cent are being granted for the purchase of cattle and seed grain and for rebuilding houses. Loans for reclamation of silted lands are also being granted at the concession rate of 4 per cent for the first two years and of 6 per cent thereafter. Remission of assessment will be granted in respect of lands which are covered with sand and rendered unfit for cultivation by the floods until they are cultivable, this concession being extended even to portions of survey fields or recognized subdivisions if the area affected be not less than one acre in extent.

(f) No.

*The anicut across the Noyal, Coimbatore district.*

* 373 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a portion of the anicut across the Noyal from which water is taken to the Pallapalayam tank in the Palladam taluk of Coimbatore district was washed away during the last year's flood;

(b) whether the ryots have sent several petitions to the Revenue and Public Works Department authorities and they have also finally sent a memorial to Government;

(c) whether the estimates have been prepared and sanctioned and if so when the repairing work is expected to be taken up and finished; and

(d) whether the ryots have also applied for a remission and the remission of the whole or a portion of the kist for the lands irrigated by water from this anicut has been recommended by the revenue authorities and on what principles the recommendation, if any, has been based?

---

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 875–876 infra.